

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolence upon the death of Sergeant Seth Randell Trahan.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Seth Randell Trahan upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic and untimely death of Sergeant Trahan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan was a native of Crowley where he graduated from Northside Christian School in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan was an active member of Northside Assembly of God Church, where his father, Randy, is an associate pastor and his mother, Emma, teaches in the church's school; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan was a student at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he was majoring in criminal justice, but he put his country's needs before his own when it came to military service and declared that he had lived free in America for twenty years and was willing to give up a year so that others could have the chance to experience the freedoms that he had enjoyed and so many take for granted; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan was honored to serve his country in the Iraqi Theater of Operations when his unit, Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, 256th

1 Brigade Combat Team, was activated and deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of this
2 nation's war on terrorism and its fight to bring democracy to the oppressed Iraqi people; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan's religious faith and beliefs gave him great strength and
4 comfort which he would share with his comrades, often leading the men of his squad in
5 prayer just before they left on the deadly missions they were assigned in Baghdad's mean
6 streets; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan conducted himself bravely and with great distinction
8 on February 19, 2005, when he and his unit engaged a large, heavily-armed, enemy force
9 during a ground patrol to suppress several suicide bombing attacks; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan valiantly countered those attacks until he fell mortally
11 wounded in a hail of hostile fire and improvised explosive devices that were command
12 detonated by terrorist forces; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Trahan will be sorely missed by his parents, four sisters, and
14 a fiancée, he will be forever remembered in their hearts as a symbol of all that is good in
15 America and as an example that freedom is never free and that extraordinary men such as
16 Sergeant Trahan will always be needed to make sure that the flame of liberty continues to
17 burn brightly; and

18 WHEREAS, the family and the friends of Sergeant Trahan truly believe that he had
19 accomplished his entire mission on earth in his brief twenty years, and even though they are
20 brokenhearted and sad at his death, they are at peace and believe that he is also.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
23 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Seth
24 Randell Trahan.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Sergeant Trahan's family and fiancée.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Seth Randell Trahan.